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To Members of the Finance Committee:

My name is Stephen Sasala from the Waterbury Regional Chamber. Our Chamber, of over 700 members, seeks to work with our legislators to educate you about existing businesses in our 13 town region and the issues important to them.

Furthermore, I am writing to voice the Waterbury Regional Chamber's opposition to several tax bills before the Finance Committee which would seriously damage Connecticut's economy and our ability to compete and succeed in the future. The harmful legislation I am referring to is: HB-6348, HB-6349, HB-6350, SB-807 and SB-815. These proposals would substantially increase our business costs and make it much harder for our members to continue doing business in Connecticut.

In a time where we need economic development and the creation of jobs we cannot afford to put additional stress on a distressed business community. We urge you to reject these proposals and work with the business community to encourage economic development and job creation in Connecticut. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Stephen R. Sasala II President & CEO

Waterbury Regional Chamber